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Summary of qualifications:

Internationally recognized physician and epidemiologist, with more than 20 years' experience in the promotion of public health, international technical cooperation, and the development of health programs throughout the Americas. Strong skills in the management of multicultural teams, the creation of networks, communication, and project management and financing, and in the search for partnerships and analytical work. Multicultural education. Leadership capacity. Languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, Italian, and French.

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Public Health

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) - 1995 - the present

- **Director of PAHO since 1 February 2003**
- Assistant Director of PAHO/WHO, headquartered in Washington, D.C., 1995-2003
- PAHO/WHO Representative to Bolivia, 1992-1995
- PAHO/WHO Representative to the Dominican Republic, 1988-1992
- PAHO/WHO Country Epidemiologist in the Dominican Republic, 1986-1987
- Chief, Epidemiological Surveillance Unit of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC), a PAHO/WHO center located in Trinidad and Tobago that provides service to 17 Caribbean countries, 1984-1986
- PAHO/WHO Consultant in Chile and Washington on teaching and service in the fields of epidemiology and laboratory diagnosis of tropical diseases, 1980-1983

National Public Health

- Epidemiologist, Office for Emergencies and Disasters, Ministry of Health of the Nation, Argentina, 1982-1983

- Specialist, Assistant to the Director, and National Director of Health Research, Ministry of Health of the Nation, 1977-1981
- Internist at the Outlying Clinic and Chief of Primary Care for Outlying Clinics in the City of Buenos Aires, 1974-1976

Education

- Epidemiology Specialist, School of Public Health, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1982
- Infectious Disease Specialist, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1976
- Public Health Diplomate, School of Public Health, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1974
- Tropical Medicine Specialist, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, 1971
- Surgeon, National University of Córdoba, Argentina, 1969

Teaching and Service

- Professor, Department of Hospital Architecture, School of Architecture, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1975-1976
- Student Affairs Advisor to the Dean of the Medical School, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1973-1974
- Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine and the Department of Infectious Diseases, National University of Córdoba, Argentina, 1969-1973
- Intern, Physician on Duty, and Chief of Physicians on Duty at the Dr. Guillermo Rawson Provincial Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Córdoba, Argentina, 1969-1973
- Apprentice researcher, National Team for Research on Argentine Hemorrhagic Fever - Epidemiology Area, 1971-1974

Honorary Member

- Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering
- Bolivian Association of Sanitary Engineering
- Veterinary Medical Association, Bolivia
- Association of Sanitary Engineering, Dominican Republic
- Dominican Pediatrics Society
- Society for Infectious Diseases of the Dominican Republic

- Veterinary Medical Association, Dominican Republic

Active Member

- Bolivian Public Health Society
- The National Academies International Advisory Board, USA
- American Public Health Association, Vice President for Latin America, 2007-2008

Honors

- Dr. *Honoris Causa*:
 - National University of Córdoba, Argentina
 - Central University of the East, Dominican Republic
 - National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, León
 - Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University
 - *Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México*
- Professor *Honoris Causa*:
 - Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
 - University of San Andrés, Bolivia
 - *Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial, Ecuador*
 - *Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos*
- Decorations:
 - Order of Public Health, Presidency of the Nation, Bolivia
 - Order of Marshal Santa Cruz, FA, Bolivia
 - Order of Bolivar the Liberator, Presidency, Bolivia
 - Order of José de Marcoleta, grade of Grand Cross, Nicaragua
 - Pedro Joaquín Chamorro Order of Freedom, grade of Grand Officer, Nicaragua
 - Civilian Order of Health, Ministry of Health and Consumption, Spain
 - Order of Merit of Duarte, Sánchez and Mella, grade of Grand Officer, Dominican Republic
 - Order of Honorato Vázquez, grade of Grand Officer, Ecuador
- Distinguished visitor:
 - Distinguished Visitor of the City of Masaya, Nicaragua
 - Distinguished Visitor of the City of Montevideo, Uruguay

R É S U M É

- Distinguished Citizen of the City of Córdoba, Argentina
- Distinguished Guest of the Municipal of Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Diploma of Guest of Honor of the district of Panama, Republic of Panama

- Recognitions:
 - Decoration for Merit in Public Health, Ecuador
 - Medal for Agricultural Merit, SNAG, Bolivia
 - Golden Shield, University of Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia
 - Medal 50th Anniversary of the School of Public Health, University of São Paulo, Brazil
 - Recognition by the Legislature of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Medal of Recognition of the Ministry of Public Health and Welfare, Paraguay

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